CRACK
BRIDE OF DEIMOS
SSST
AHHH! LIFE IS MYSTICAL AND YET SO MIRACULOUS!

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THESE UGLY CATERPILLARS WILL TRANSFORM INTO BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES!
THEY'LL SOON UNDERGO METAMORPHOSES AS WELL
THIS ONE.
AND THIS ONE
AND HERE COMES ANOTHER BUTTERFLY.
TOMOKO.
THERE YOU ARE, MINAKO.
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GO SHOPPING TODAY

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT LOOKS GORGEOUS ON YOU. BUT DON'T YOU THINK MINK IS A LITTLE EXPENSIVE?
FUR COATS
SHANGRI-LA
YEAH YEAH... MUST BE GREAT BEING RICH.
BUT WHEN IT COMES TO ME, HE'S WILLING TO DRAIN ALL HIS SAVINGS!
YEAH, BUT MY DADDY BUYS ME ANYTHING. HE'S SO CHEAP ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE.
MY DADDY CALLS ME A MONEY EATING BEETLE.
YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE. YOU MIGHT AS WELL USE UP ALL YOUR MONEY BEFORE YOU DIE!
MONEY IS WORTHLESS UNLESS YOU USE IT.
YEAH BUT
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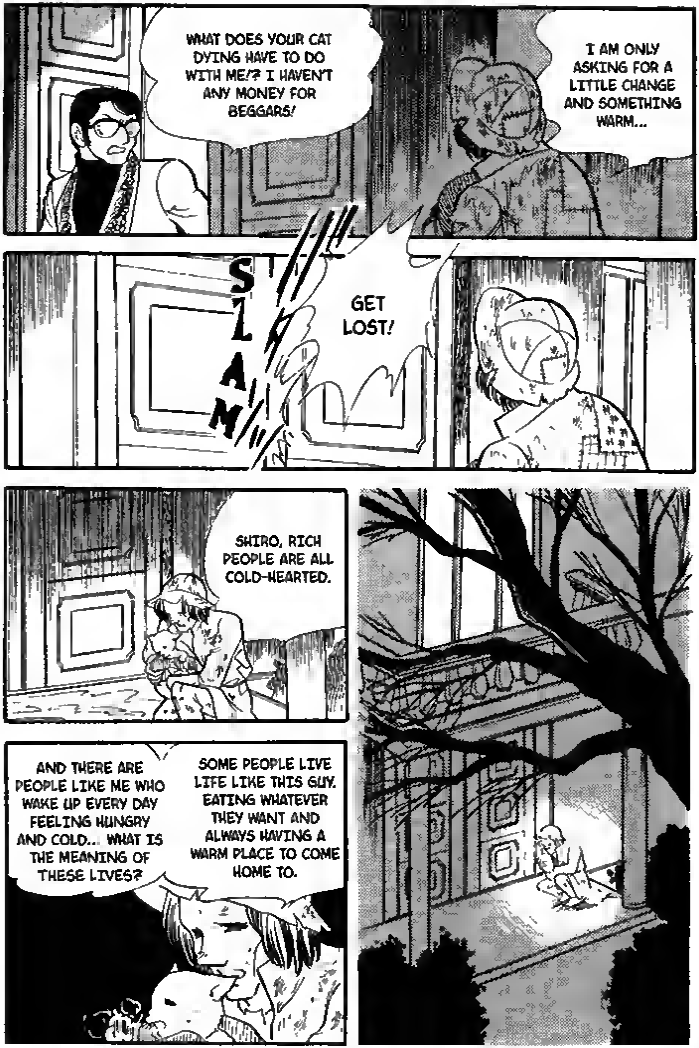
BUT WE ALL REINCARNATE
OUR BODIES MAY ROT TO THE GROUND BUT OUR SOULS LIVE ON
WE ARE REBORN OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE IN REINCARN-ATION, MINAKO?
I WONDER WHAT THE COCOON OF A MONEY EATING BEETLE LOOKS LIKE.
SILLY! NO SUCH THING EXISTS!
PEOPLE PREACH REINCARNATION TO PLEAD IN PROTEST AGAINST...
OUR EVIL ACTIONS AND OVERINDULGENCE.

WHEN YOU LOOK AT ENOUGH INSECT METAMORPHOSES, YOU BEGIN TO BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF REINCARNATION
YOU SURE THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A MONEY EATING BEETLE COCOON?
HEE HEE
HE'S STILL TALKING ABOUT THAT.
WHAT?
WANT TO SEE IT?
THESE CARDS SPEAK OUR FATE
THIS... IS THE CHRYSALIS OF A MONEY EATING BEETLE!
FLIP
パチッ

WE'LL SEE...!
HMM...
SNAP
HE'S MAKING FUN OF YOU! LET'S GO!
IT'S A PICTURE OF A CAT.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NEXT?
DEIMOS
WHAT DO YOU SEE?

MEOW
POOR THING. I'LL FEED YOU RIGHT AWAY, OKAY?
MEOW
MEOW
SHUT UP YOU STRAY CAT! GET LOST!
SPLASH
MY CAT IS NEARING DEATH...
WE'RE COLD AND HUNGRY
SIR, I'M TERRIBLY SORRY TO BOTHER YOU. PLEASE OFFER ME A HELPING HAND.
OH, A BEGGAR.


WHAT DOES YOUR CAT DYING HAVE TO DO WITH ME!? I HAVEN'T ANY MONEY FOR BEGGARS!
I AM ONLY ASKING FOR A LITTLE CHANGE AND SOMETHING WARM...
SLAM!!!
GET LOST!
SHIRO, RICH PEOPLE ARE ALL COLD-HEARTED.
AND THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO WAKE UP EVERY DAY FEELING HUNGRY AND COLD... WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THESE LIVES?
SOME PEOPLE LIVE LIFE LIKE THIS GUY. EATING WHATEVER THEY WANT AND ALWAYS HAVING A WARM PLACE TO COME HOME TO.

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AS A RICH HUMAN...
YOU MUST BE SUFFERING, SHIRO I'M SO SORRY
I HOPE YOU CAN BE REBORN AS A HUMAN IN YOUR NEXT LIFE.
HAA
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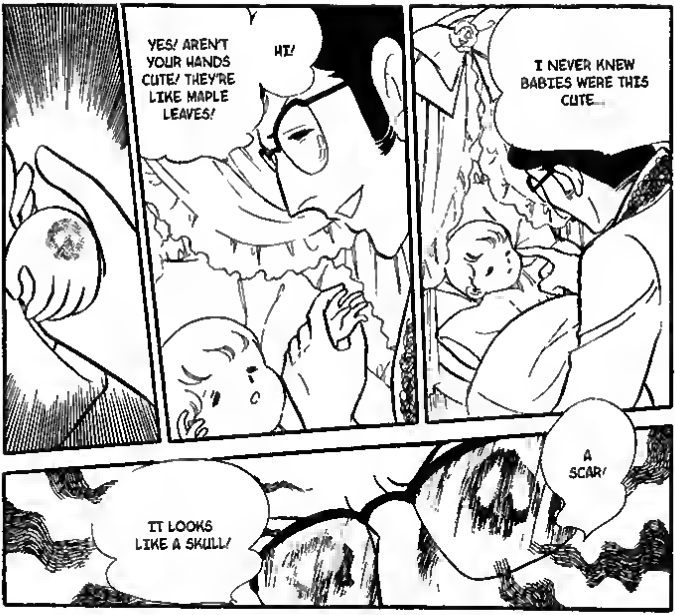
YES. WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH IT?
A DEAD CAT/?
IT'S NOT CHEAP CALLING A DOCTOR OVER/
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS/ MY WIFE IS GIVING BIRTH/
IDIOT/ WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT I CARE ABOUT A DEAD CAT/?

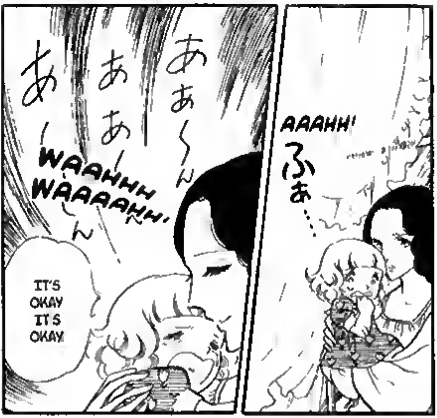
REALLY!
CONGRATULATIONS, SIR!
SIR! IT'S A GIRL!
WAAAAH WAAAH..
YES, SIR.
TOSS IT IN THE RIVER OR SOMETHING!
ISN'T SHE BEAUTIFUL, HONEY?

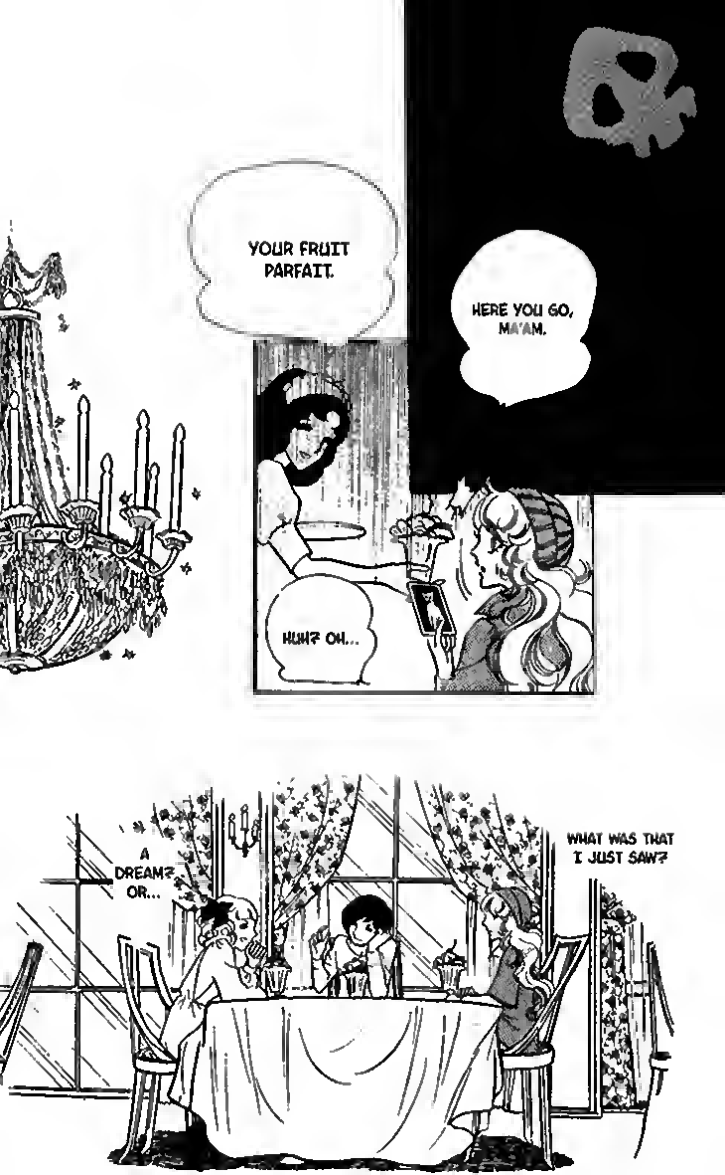

I NEVER KNEW BABIES WERE THIS CUTE...
HI!
YES! AREN'T YOUR HANDS CUTE! THEY'RE LIKE MAPLE LEAVES!
A SCAR!
IT LOOKS LIKE A SKULL!

DADDY WILL FIND A GOOD DOCTOR THAT'LL REMOVE IT FOR YOU OKAY, SWEETIE PIE?
POOR THING A GIRL SHOULDN'T HAVE SUCH A SCAR ON HER HAND.

CRASH
YOU USELESS IDIOT!
SLAP
I'M SORRY, SIR...
YOU ACTUALLY CALL YOURSELF A DOCTOR?! WHY DOES MY DAUGHTER HAVE A SCAR ON HER HAND?
YOU STAY OUT OF THIS!
HONEY, IT'S ONLY A SLIGHT SCRATCH.
YOU DON'T NEED TO...

ANYTHING AT ALL...

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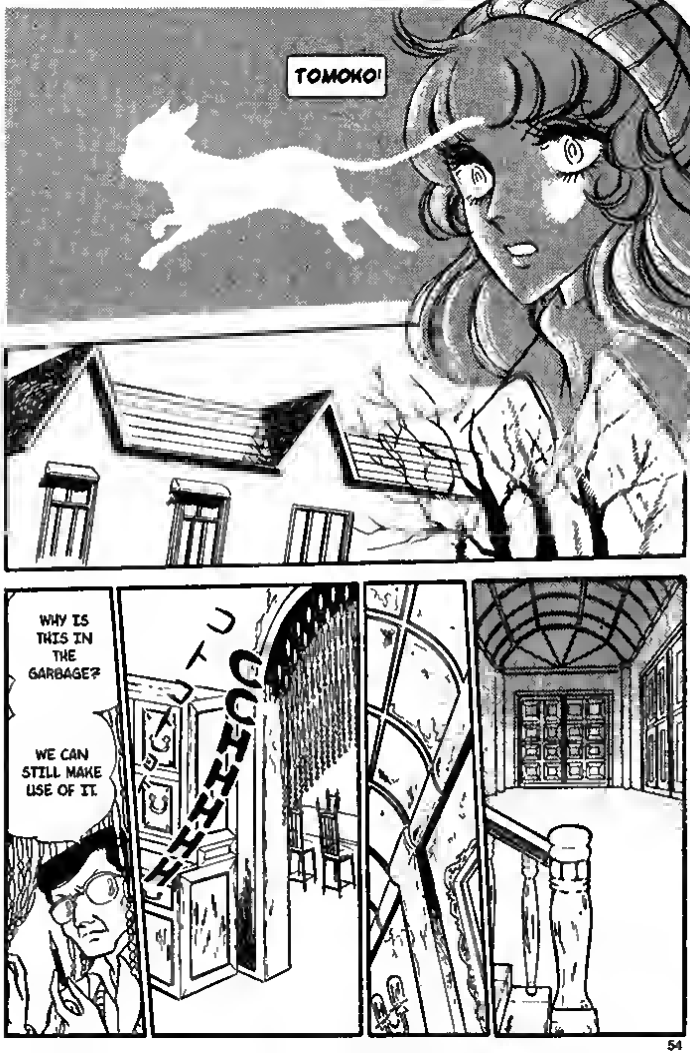
HERE YOU GO, MA'AM.
YOUR FRUIT PARFAIT.
HUH? OH...
A DREAM? OR...
WHAT WAS THAT I JUST SAW?

OH!
MINAKO, YOU SEEM OUT OF IT ARE YOU OKAY?
JUST A DELUSION?
SNATCH
YOU WERE STILL HOLDING ONTO THIS?
HE SEEMED LIKE A NICE PERSON BUT HE ONLY SPOKE LIES.
RIPRIP
YOU DON'T ACTUALLY BELIEVE SUCH A SILLY THING, DO YOU?

I'VE HAD IT SINCE I WAS BORN. NONE OF THE DOCTORS SEEM TO BE ABLE TO GET RID OF IT.
OH, THIS?
THAT SCAR...!
THAT'S WHY I ALWAYS HIDE IT WITH A GLOVE.
COME ON! ORDER WHATEVER YOU WANT! MY TREAT!
GREAT! LET'S GO ALL OUT!

HEE
HEE
HEE
HEHE
I THINK I'M GOING TO END UP SPENDING ALL OF MY DAD'S SAVINGS
ALL OF IT!


TOMOKO!
WHY IS THIS IN THE GARBAGE?
WE CAN STILL MAKE USE OF IT
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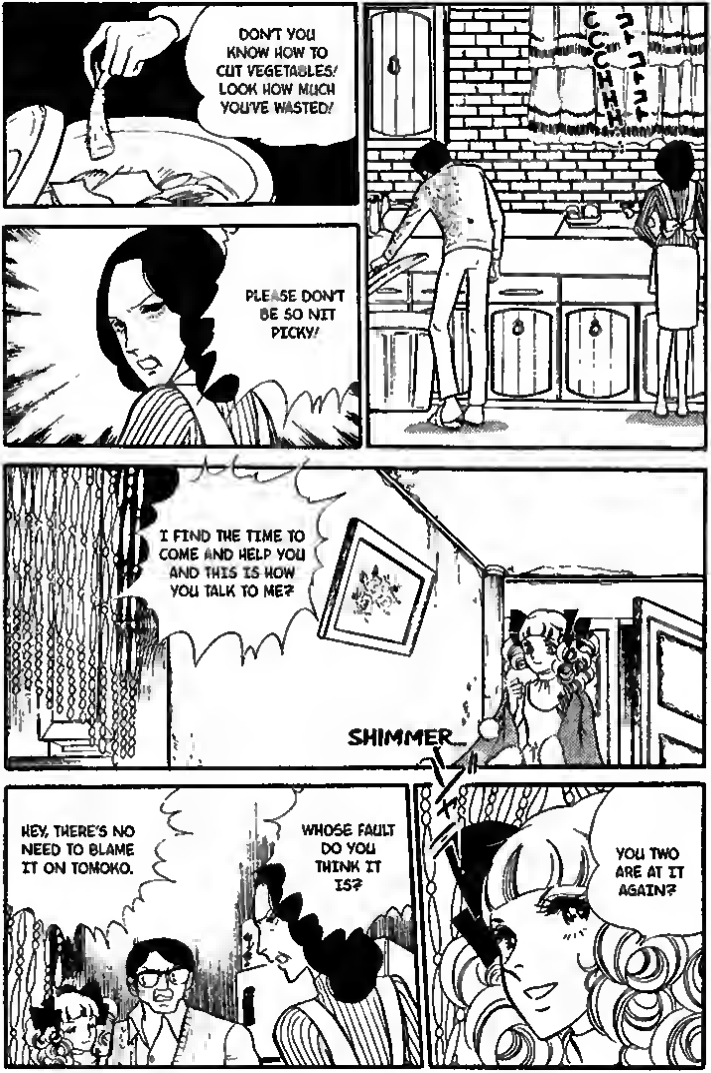
CCHHHH


DON'T YOU KNOW HOW TO CUT VEGETABLES! LOOK HOW MUCH YOU'VE WASTED!
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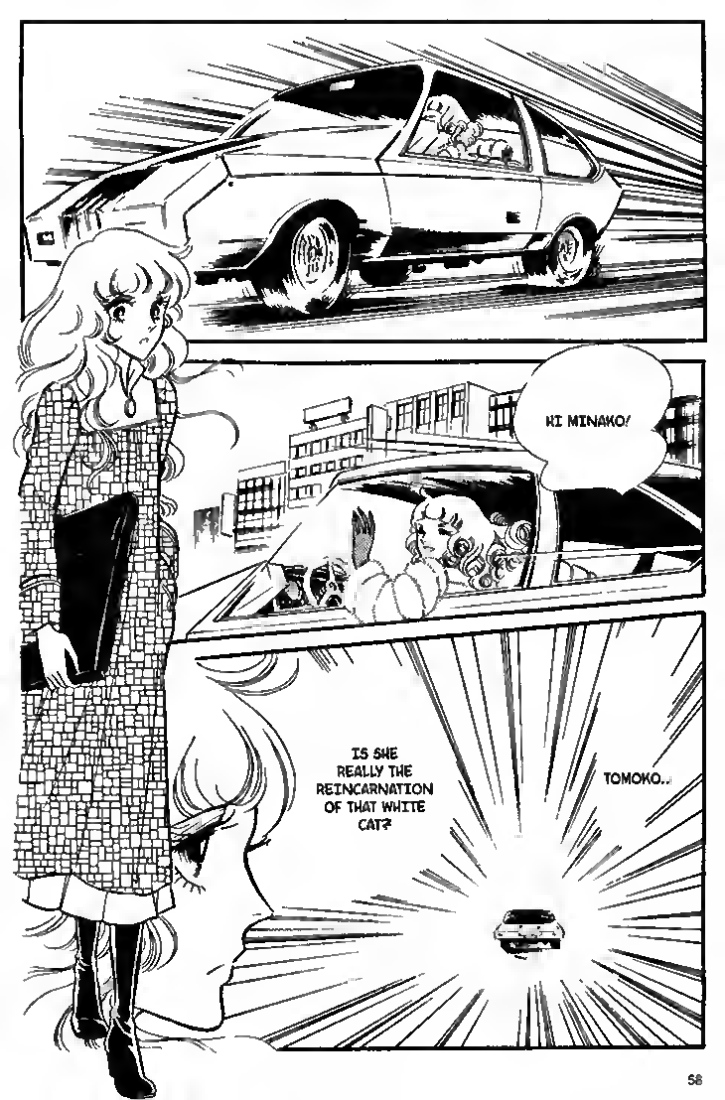
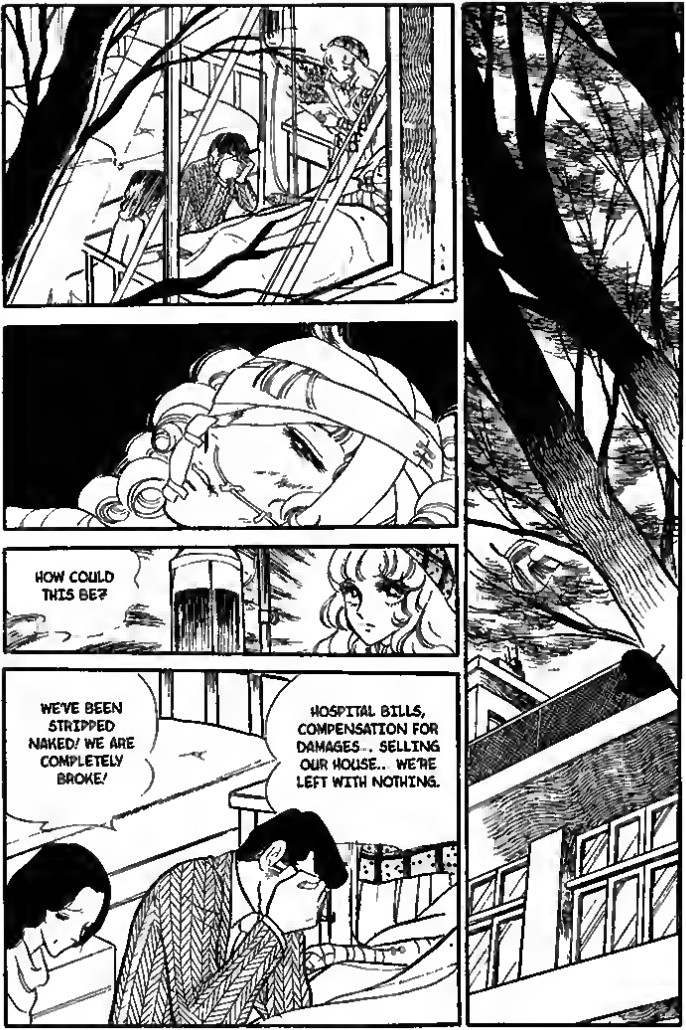
CCCHHH...
PLEASE DON'T BE SO NIT PICKY!
I FIND THE TIME TO COME AND HELP YOU AND THIS IS HOW YOU TALK TO ME?
SHIMMER...
HEY, THERE'S NO NEED TO BLAME IT ON TOMOKO.
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK IT IS?
YOU TWO ARE AT IT AGAIN?

NO, TOMOKO!
WE'RE NOT AS WEALTHY AS WE USED TO BE!
DADDY, THERE'S A REALLY NICE SPORTS CAR THAT I WANT.
I LOVE YOU DADDY. YOU'RE ALWAYS ON MY SIDE!
BUT I WANT IT.
PLUS, YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO DRIVE.
OKAY, BUT ONLY IF YOU REALLY NEED IT.
PLEASE DADDY!
CAN I BUY IT UNDER YOUR NAME?

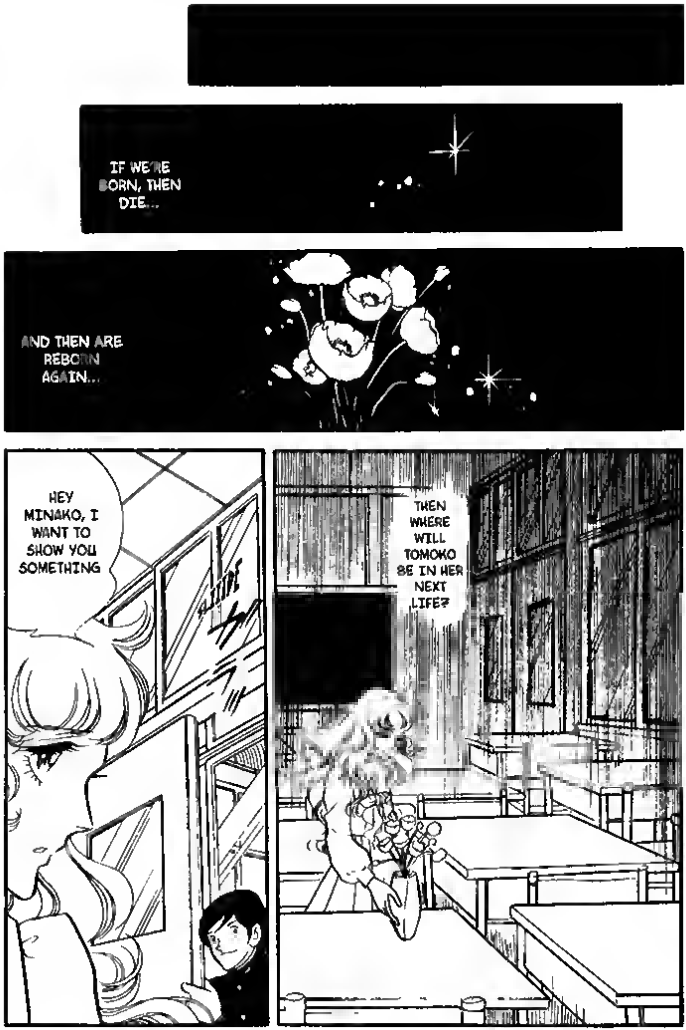
THANKS DADDY!
IT'S NO PROBLEM. WE CAN SELL THE REST OF MY STOCKS.
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS SPOIL TOMOKO?
THE IDIOT WHO SAVES AND THE IDIOT WHO SPENDS.
WE USED TO BE SO WEALTHY AND NOW WE'RE HARDLY LEFT WITH ANYTHING
SHE REALLY IS LIKE A MONEY EATING BEETLE.
THEY'RE BOTH IDIOTS SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL SPEND!
HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE

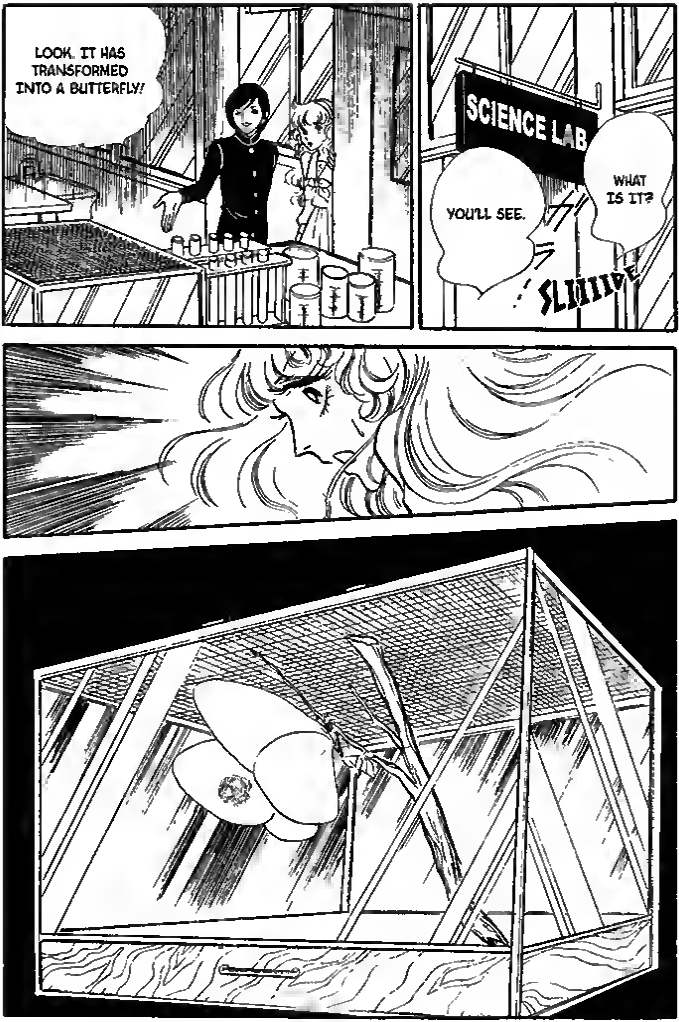

HI MINAKO!
IS SHE REALLY THE REINCARNATION OF THAT WHITE CAT?
TOMOKO..

STAAA!
OH NO/
SMASH
SHE WAS BORN SO THAT THE WHITE CAT CAN GET BACK AT HER OWN FATHER
IF SO, SHE PROBABLY HAS NO CLUE THAT...

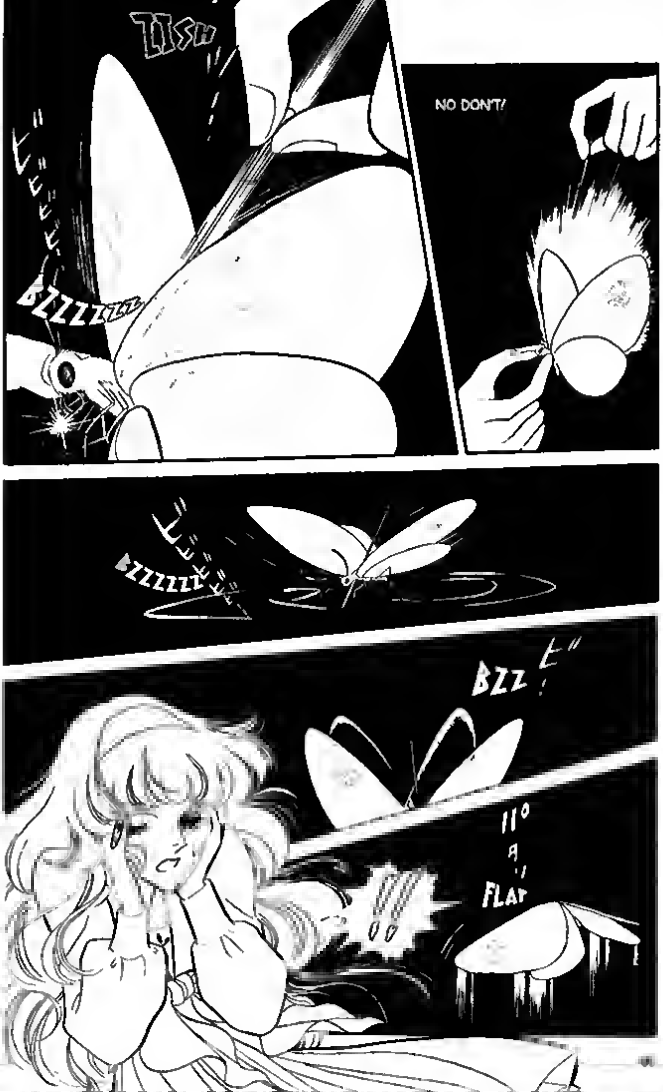

HOW COULD THIS BE?
WE'VE BEEN STRIPPED NAKED! WE ARE COMPLETELY BROKE!
HOSPITAL BILLS, COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES... SELLING OUR HOUSE... WE'RE LEFT WITH NOTHING.

I'D KILL THAT BUM IF I COULD.
HE WAS ONLY LIGHTLY SCARRED AND HE WALKED AWAY WITH THE INDEMNITIES.
WE CAN'T DO ANY-THING ABOUT IT.
TOMOKO WAS DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE.
TOMOKO!?
TOMOKO!
TOMOKO!
FLAP
TOMOKO!

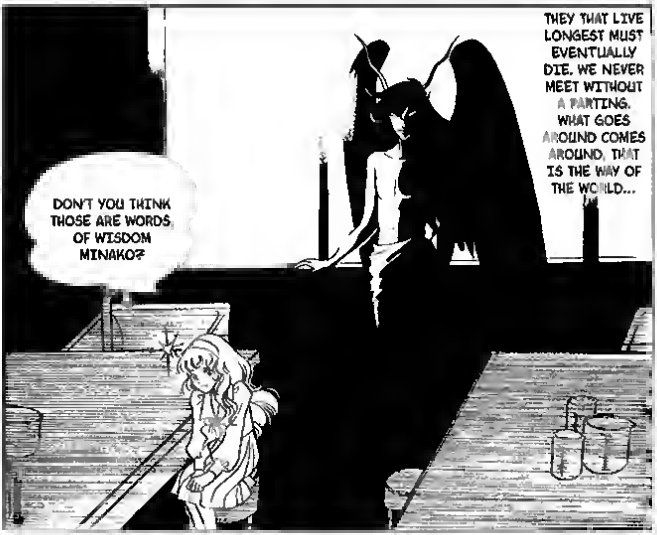

IF WE'RE BORN, THEN DIE...
AND THEN ARE REBORN AGAIN...
HEY MINAKO, I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING
THEN WHERE WILL TOMOKO BE IN HER NEXT LIFE?


LOOK. IT HAS TRANSFORMED INTO A BUTTERFLY!
SCIENCE LAB
WHAT IS IT?
YOU'LL SEE.
SLIIIIDE

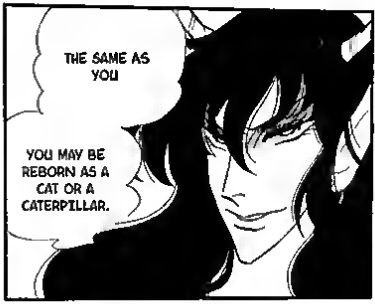
TO TOMOKO!
YOU'VE BEEN..
NO!
THIS IS A RARE ONE. IT'S GOT A SKULL-LIKE SPOT ON ITS WING. I'M GOING TO MOUNT THIS ONE.


TISH
BZZZZZZZZ
NO DON'T!
BZZZZZZZZ
BZZ
FLAP

ISN'T IT AMAZING? I'LL NEED TO GET SOME NAPHTHALENE TO PREVENT IT FROM DECAYING
REINCARNATION ...
IS THE DEVIL'S GARLAND...
DID YOU HAVE TO TEACH ME ABOUT THIS IN SUCH A CRUEL MANNER?

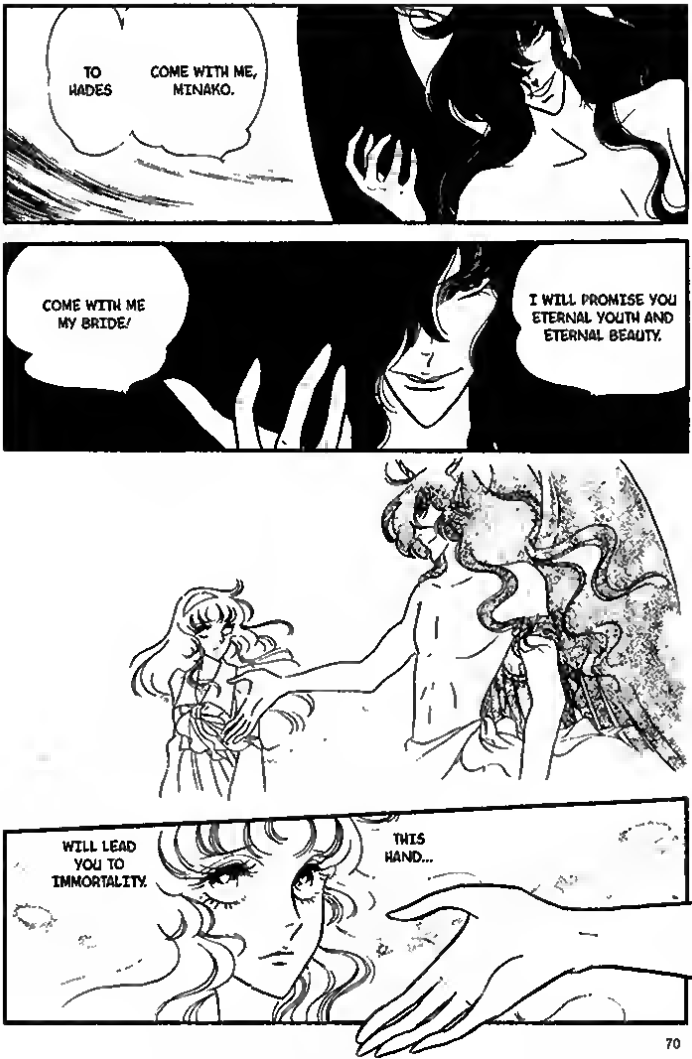

THEY THAT LIVE LONGEST MUST EVENTUALLY DIE. WE NEVER MEET WITHOUT A PARTING. WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND. THAT IS THE WAY OF THE WORLD...
DON'T YOU THINK THOSE ARE WORDS OF WISDOM MINAKO?

STOP! SUCH BUDDHIST WISDOM DOES NOT SUIT YOU ONE SINGLE BIT!


THE SAME AS YOU
YOU MAY BE REBORN AS A CAT OR A CATERPILLAR.

WHAT WILL SHE BE REBORN AS NEXT TIME?
I FEEL BAD FOR TOMOKO. SHE GETS REINCARNATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

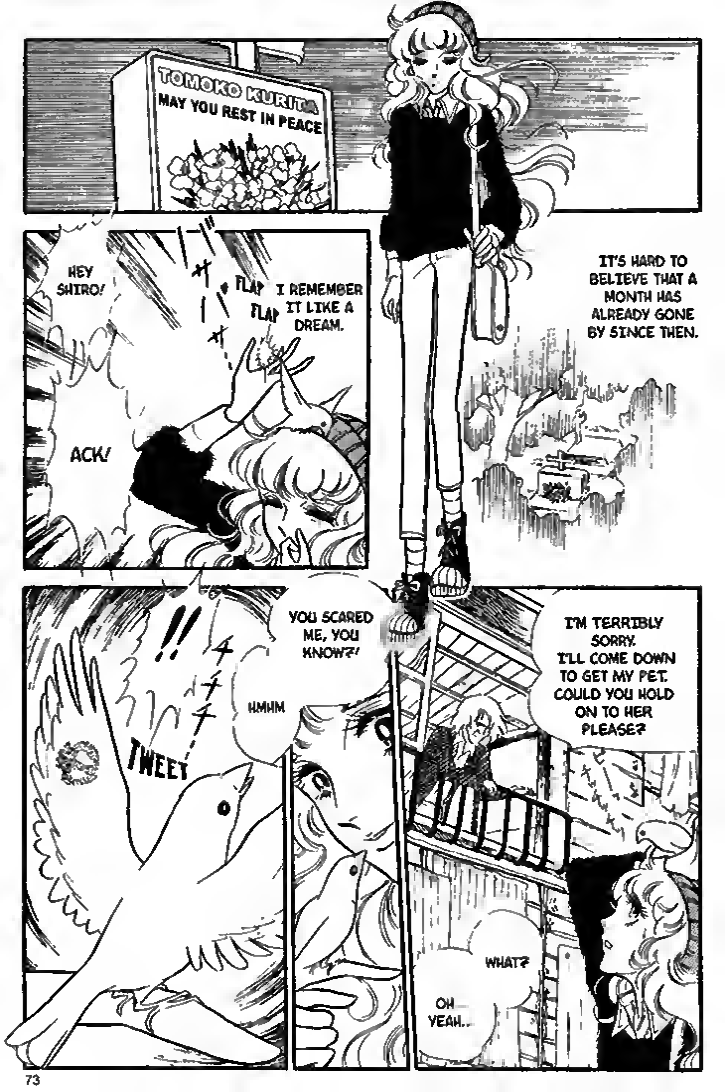
YOU MAY BE REBORN AS A SNAKE AND BE HATED...
OR BE REBORN AS AN ANT AND BE CRUSHED TO DEATH.


TO HADES
COME WITH ME, MINAKO.
COME WITH ME MY BRIDE!
I WILL PROMISE YOU ETERNAL YOUTH AND ETERNAL BEAUTY.
WILL LEAD YOU TO IMMORTALITY.
THIS HAND...

DEATH SCARES ME..
ETERNALLY YOUNG AND ETERNALLY BEAUTIFUL...
IF I TAKE HIS HAND, I WILL NEVER BE REINCARNATED.

THE BIRTH OF A LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
SIGH... IS IMMORTALITY WHAT I WANT?
THERE IS BIRTH BECAUSE THERE IS DEATH
ZING

AN INCOMPARABLE BEAUTY!


TOMOKO KURITA
MAY YOU REST IN PEACE
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT A MONTH HAS ALREADY GONE BY SINCE THEN.
HEY SHIRO!
FLAP FLAP
I REMEMBER IT LIKE A DREAM.
ACK!
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY. I'LL COME DOWN TO GET MY PET. COULD YOU HOLD ON TO HER PLEASE?
WHAT?
OH YEAH..
YOU SCARED ME, YOU KNOW?!
HMHM
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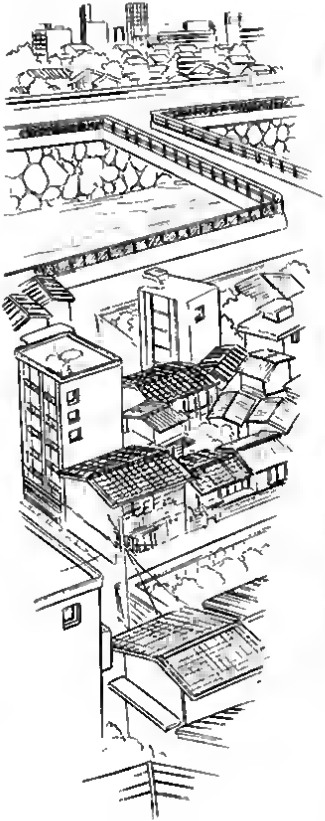
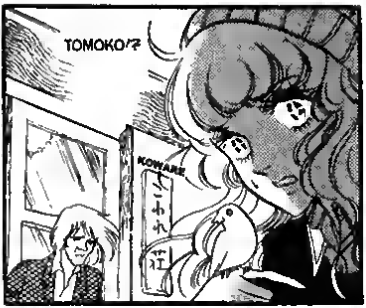
TWEET




TOMOKO!?
KOWARE
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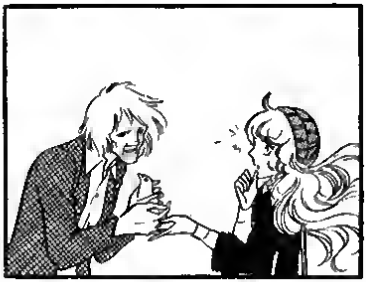

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